



THE SUNDAY SHEET  
TRINITY 20  
22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2023

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.  
An induction loop is provided.*

*Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the  
stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks*

ENTRANCE HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*Walter Chalmers Smith 1824-1908  
Tune: St Denio*

*The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet*

THE COLLECT

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ISAIAH 45. 1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you  
and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the Lord, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the Lord do all these things.

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

*Please Stand*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
life for the world, alleluia:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

*Donald Fishel b. 1950*

*Tune: Alleluia No. 1*

MATTHEW 22. 15-22

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realised that Jesus was speaking about them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*After the Sermon please turn to the Eucharist booklet for the Affirmation of Faith*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Ye that know the Lord is gracious,  
ye for whom a cornerstone  
stands, of God elect and precious,  
laid that ye may build thereon,  
see that on that sure foundation  
ye a living temple raise,  
towers that may tell forth salvation,  
walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed  
each to his allotted place,  
kings and priests, by God anointed,  
shall ye not declare his grace?  
Ye, a royal generation,  
tell the tidings of your birth,  
tidings of a new creation  
to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you  
out of darkness into light,  
broke the fetters that enthralled you,  
gave you freedom, peace and sight:  
tell the tale of sins forgiven,  
strength renewed and hope restored,  
till the earth, in tune with heaven,  
praise and magnify the Lord.

*Cyril Argentine Alington 1872-1955*

*Tune: Hydrydol*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of wisdom,  
enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit,  
that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and serve one another in freedom;  
we ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer*

## HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

*Brian Wren b.1936*  
*Tune: St Botolph*

*Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unfailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Thomas O. Chisholm 1866-1960*

*Tune: Faithfulness*

*CCL No: 96172*

## NOTICES

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Foodbank.** The Foodbank box is now back in the Parish Church. Donations gratefully received.

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer (*card copies are available at the back of the Church*):

*God of Mission,*

*Who alone brings growth to your Church,*

*Send your Holy Spirit to give*

*Vision to our planning,*

*Wisdom to our actions,*

*Joy to our worship,*

*And power to our witness.*

*Help our church to grow in numbers,*

*In spiritual commitment to you,*

*And in service to our local community,*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The Community Fridge** takes place every Sunday from 5-7pm at the Parish Church.

**Sunday Sheet.** Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

**All Souls.** There will be a Requiem Eucharist at the Parish Church at 10am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. If you would like departed loved ones remembered by name at this, please add names to the list at the Cathedral or Parish Church.

**Change to Services** During the weeks beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Morning Prayer and the Eucharists that take place in the morning (i.e. Monday, Wednesday & Friday) will take place in the Parish Church. This is because the organ builders will be in working to put the organ back after its recent repair work. *Services w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> October are in the Cathedral!*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Monday – James of Jerusalem

9am Morning Prayer *at the Cathedral*

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

### 24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

6pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

7pm Bread of Life Study Group *at the*

*Parish Church*

### 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Lewis Bayley

9am Morning Prayer *at the Cathedral*

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer *at the*

*Cathedral*

### 26<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Alfred, King

9am Morning Prayer *at the Cathedral*

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

**27<sup>th</sup> Friday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer *at the Cathedral*

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the Cathedral*

6pm Choral Evensong *at the Cathedral*

**28<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Simon & Jude,  
Apostles**

9am Morning Prayer *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Last Sunday after  
Trinity**

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**ISAIAH 45. 1-7**

Isaiah prophesies about Cyrus, King of Persia, making it clear that Cyrus' rise to power in the region is the work of God: God will use him to defeat the Babylonians who have taken the Lord's people into exile.

**PSALM 96. 1-9**

**I THESSALONIANS I. 1-10**

Paul writes to the church at Thessalonica, a church he had planted on one of his missionary journeys. He expresses his relief that they have stayed strong in their faith despite the opposition they have faced.

**MATTHEW 22. 15-22**

Jesus is teaching in the Temple at Jerusalem when he faces a question from two groups who are keen to trip him up.